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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT:

National Intelligence Survey (NIS) Coverage Plan

REFERENCES:

(a) USIB-M-369, 4 February 1965

(b) USIB-D-51.1/8, 28 August 1963

1. In accordance with reference (a), the NIS Committee submits to the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) the attached NIS Coverage Plan reflecting the Committee's recommended long-range production program.

2. Concept

The plan, which is intended to replace the more limited 2-year production forecast formerly submitted each year by the NIS Committee, 1) establishes NIS area priorities for General Survey maintenance, 2) specifies for each NIS area the supplementary topical coverage required over and above that provided by the General Survey, taking into account agency capabilities and available resources, and 3) thereby provides USIB with a broader base of pertinent data with which to carry out its responsibilities as prescribed in reference (b).

3. General Survey

Under the plan the General Survey continues as the primary unit of NIS coverage. General Surveys on some 33 areas of high strategic importance are to be maintained at intervals of about 3 years or less. Some 75 others will be revised on an average of every 4 years. No periodic revision is planned for the remaining areas; maintenance (or in some cases initial production) of these would be undertaken only as warranted by a marked change in an area situation or in its significance to U.S. national security interests.

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4. Supplementary coverage

Planned supplementary coverage is highly selective and is based on the importance of the specific topic to the area, identifiable user requirements, and availability of alternative coverage. Out of a possible 25 supporting elements for any NIS area, the average planned coverage is only 7. Maintenance cycles will vary among topics and among areas to which specific topics pertain, in accordance with stability of the subject matter and producer capabilities.

5. Production rate

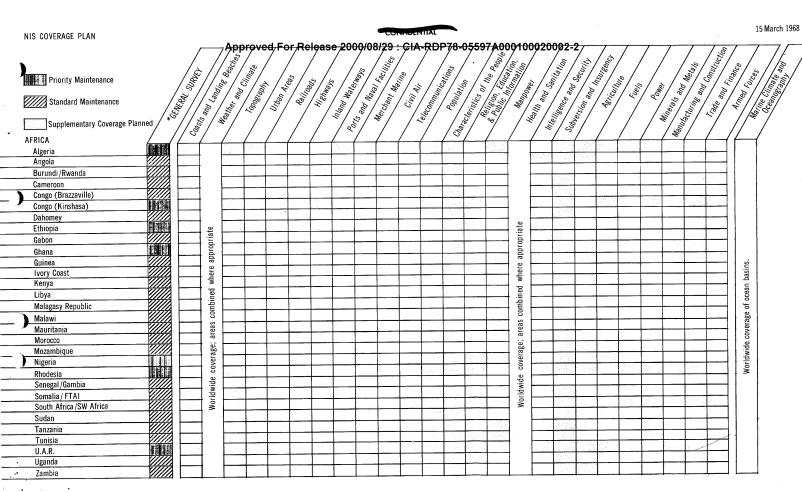
The annual production rate for the General Survey remains at the same level as in previous years. Rates for supplementary elements reflect some reductions; however, the plan shows a reallocation of more limited production capabilities for concentration on topics of greatest importance to the area and most responsive to user requirements.

6. Application

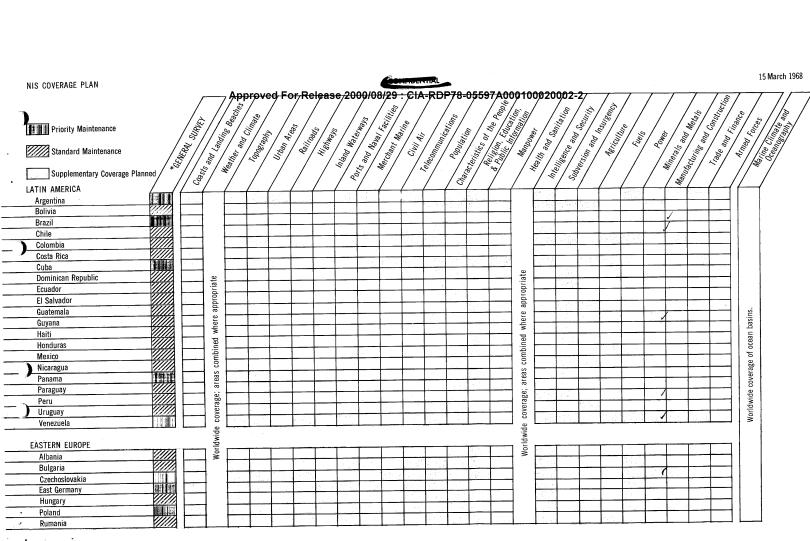
The NIS Committee requests USIB approval of the plan as a long-range production programing guide. The plan will be implemented flexibly and reviewed annually. Adjustments will be based on changing user requirements, priorities, and production capabilities. It is the Committee's intention routinely to discuss in its Annual Report to USIB any significant changes to the plan. In addition, an annual production schedule will be submitted before the beginning of each fiscal year.

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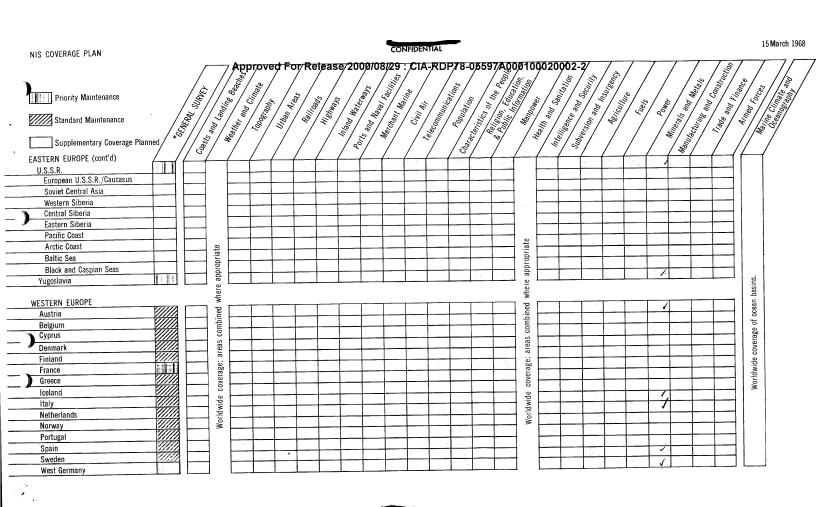
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Kuwait with (Persian Gulf States) Southern Yemen with Muscat and Oman Saudi Arabia

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* Interim updating of the type of basic data appearing in the Area Brief of each General Survey is provided in the semi-annually produced NIS Basic Intelligence Factbook.

Areas of lower NIS priority on which General Survey periodic maintenance is not planned

Netherlands Antilles

New Zealand

Malta

Niger

Indian Ocean Islands

Ireland

Jamaica

Liberia

Luxembourg

Portuguese Guinea

South Atlantic Islands

South Pacific Islands

Sierra Leone Spanish Sahara United Kingdom

West Pacific Islands

Upper Volta

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U.S. Islands in the Caribbean

South West Pacific Islands

Trinidad-Tobago/Barbados

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Australia

Bermuda/Bahamas

British Honduras

Botswana/Lesotho/Swaziland

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